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1. Soviet authorities in Moscow recently approved the plan to split the adminis-  
tration of the SMV's Matzen oil field into two units.\* Matzen, Prottes,  
Gaenserndorf and Schoenkirchen will probably form one unit, Auersthal and  
Bockfliess the other. A maximum of 30 million schillings for construction  
expenses has been authorized. It is planned to construct the following  
installations:
  - a. New buildings in Schoenkirchen for the offices and workshops now located  
in Prottes. They will include offices for the Matzen field's chief  
engineers of the mechanical, electrical, geological, production and  
drilling branches.
  - b. Two housing units west of Auersthal and south of Prottes for a total  
of 1400 workers.
  - c. A sports arena with swimming pool and stadium north east of Gaenserndorf.
2. Soviet officials estimate that it will take 20-25 years to exhaust the  
Austrian oil fields at the present rate of production.

\*  Comment: The Soviet decision to split the Matzen administration was  
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